

PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Information Session



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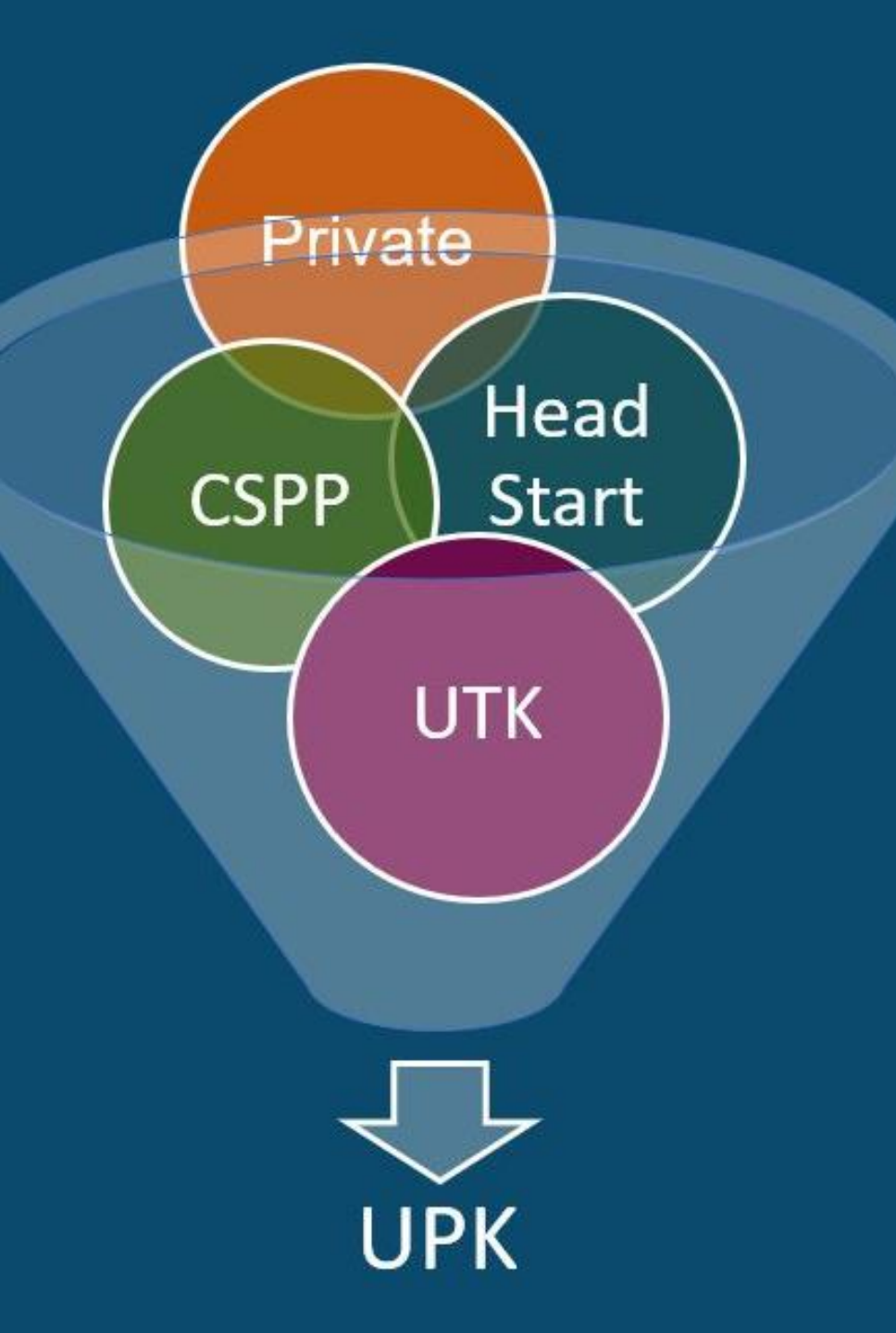
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**An historic investment
in California ECE**

**\$2.7 Billion for Universal
TK and Expanded Funding
for Preschool and Child Care**

California's Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Plan



- **Universal** means that by 2025–26, regardless of background, race, zip code, immigration status, or income level **every** child has access to a quality learning experience the year before K.
- UPK will bring together programs across early learning and K through Twelfth Grade (K–12), relying heavily on **Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK)** and California State Preschool Program (CSPP), as well as Head Start, community-based organizations (CBOs), and private preschool.

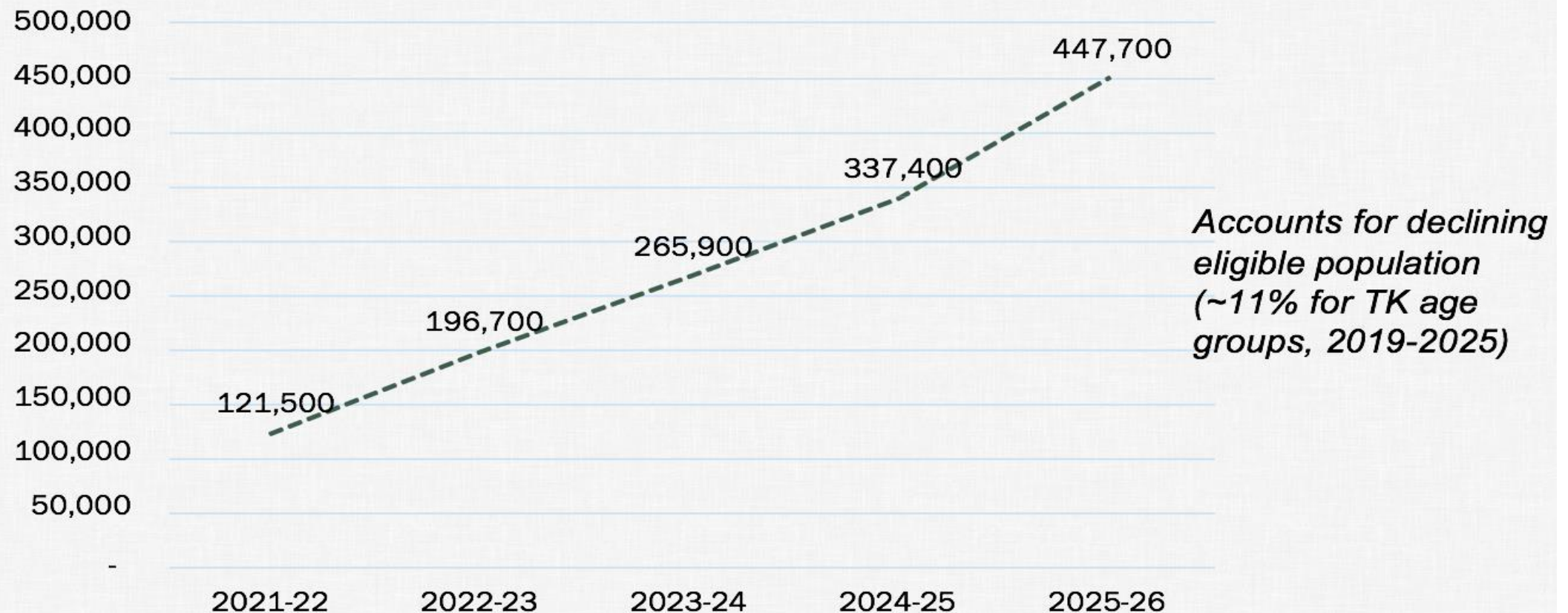
Transitional Kindergarten(TK) Expansion

TK is an integral program in the mixed delivery system for achieving UPK. It is also the only program that must serve any four-year old child in the public school system that wants to enroll starting in 2022-23 with complete expansion by 2025–26.



Transitional Kindergarten Staffing Needs

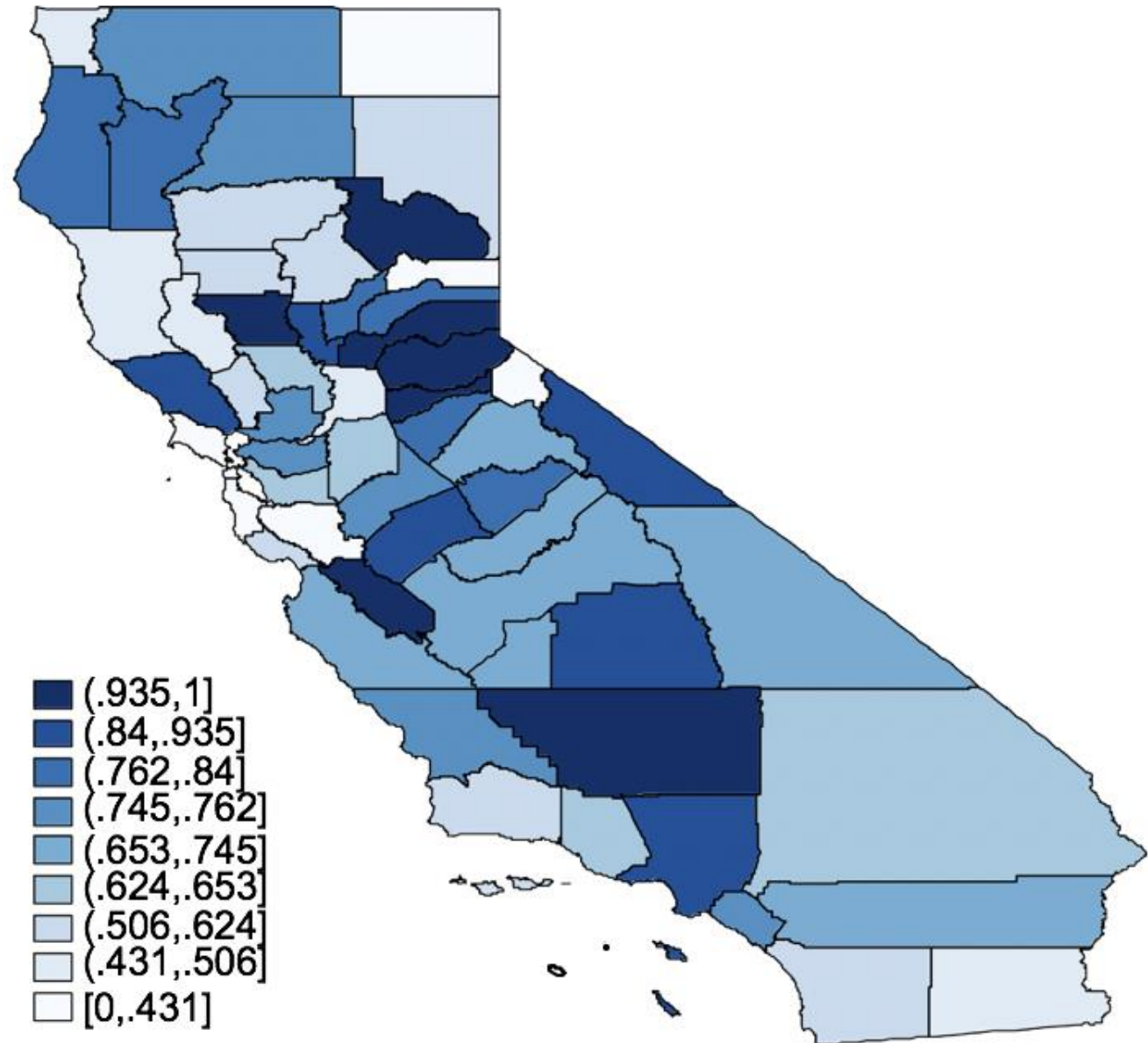
TK eligible population



TK Teacher Demand by County

- ▷ Significant regional variation
- ▷ The five largest counties alone (Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino) account for over half of the total estimated increased demand by full implementation.

TK Uptake in 2019-20



A photograph of a teacher with curly hair, seen from the back, interacting with a group of young students in a classroom. The teacher is gesturing with her hands while speaking. The students are sitting on the floor, looking towards the teacher. The background is filled with colorful educational posters and decorations. A large white semi-circle with a black border is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title text.

Options for Staffing UTK Classrooms

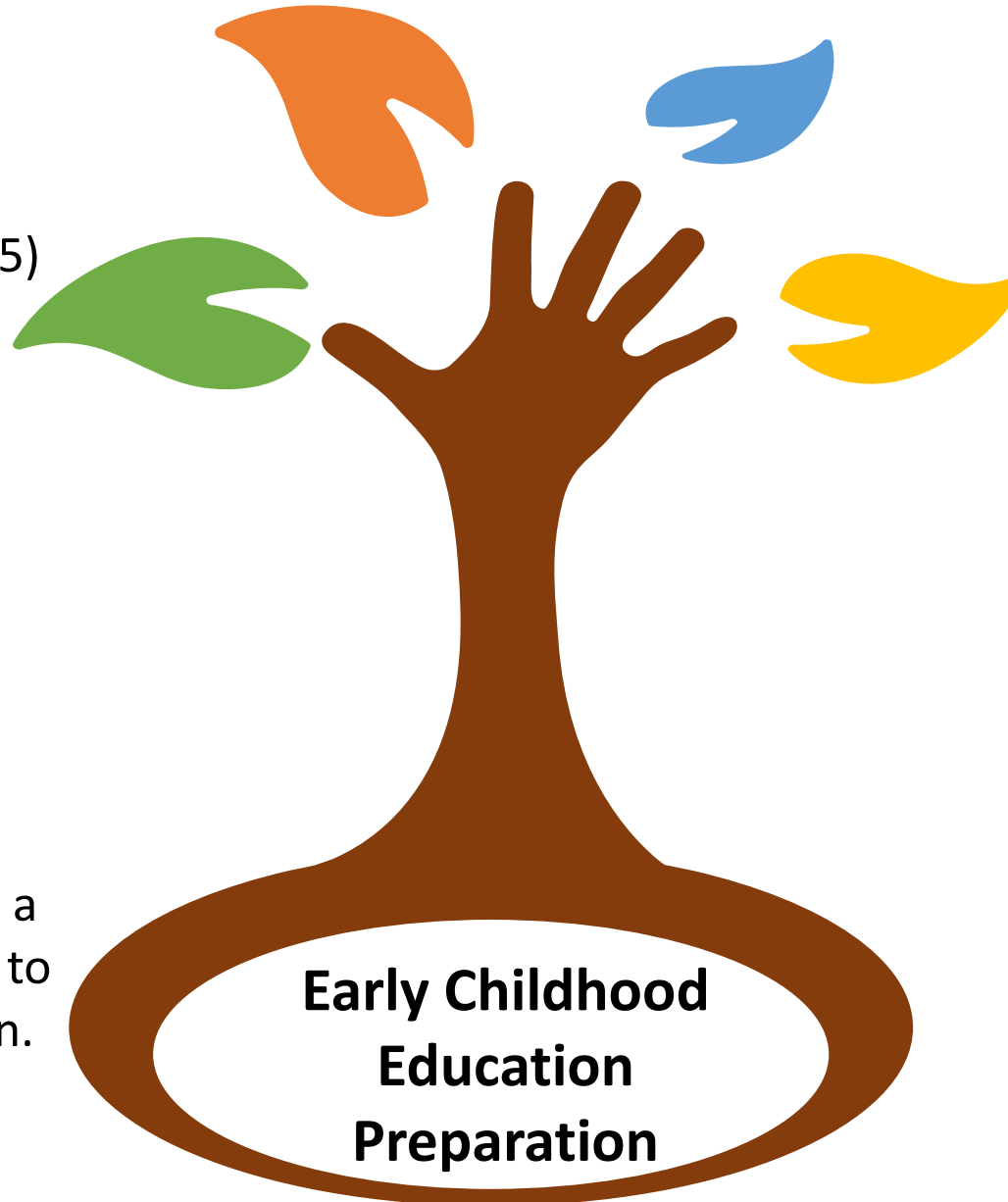
ECE Teacher Centric UPK Preparation

State Preschool Program

A Teacher at a state funded preschool program (ages 3-5) requires a Teacher level permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Private Preschool

A Teacher in a center-based program (ages 3-5) requires a minimum of 12 units in ECE to teach and supervise children.



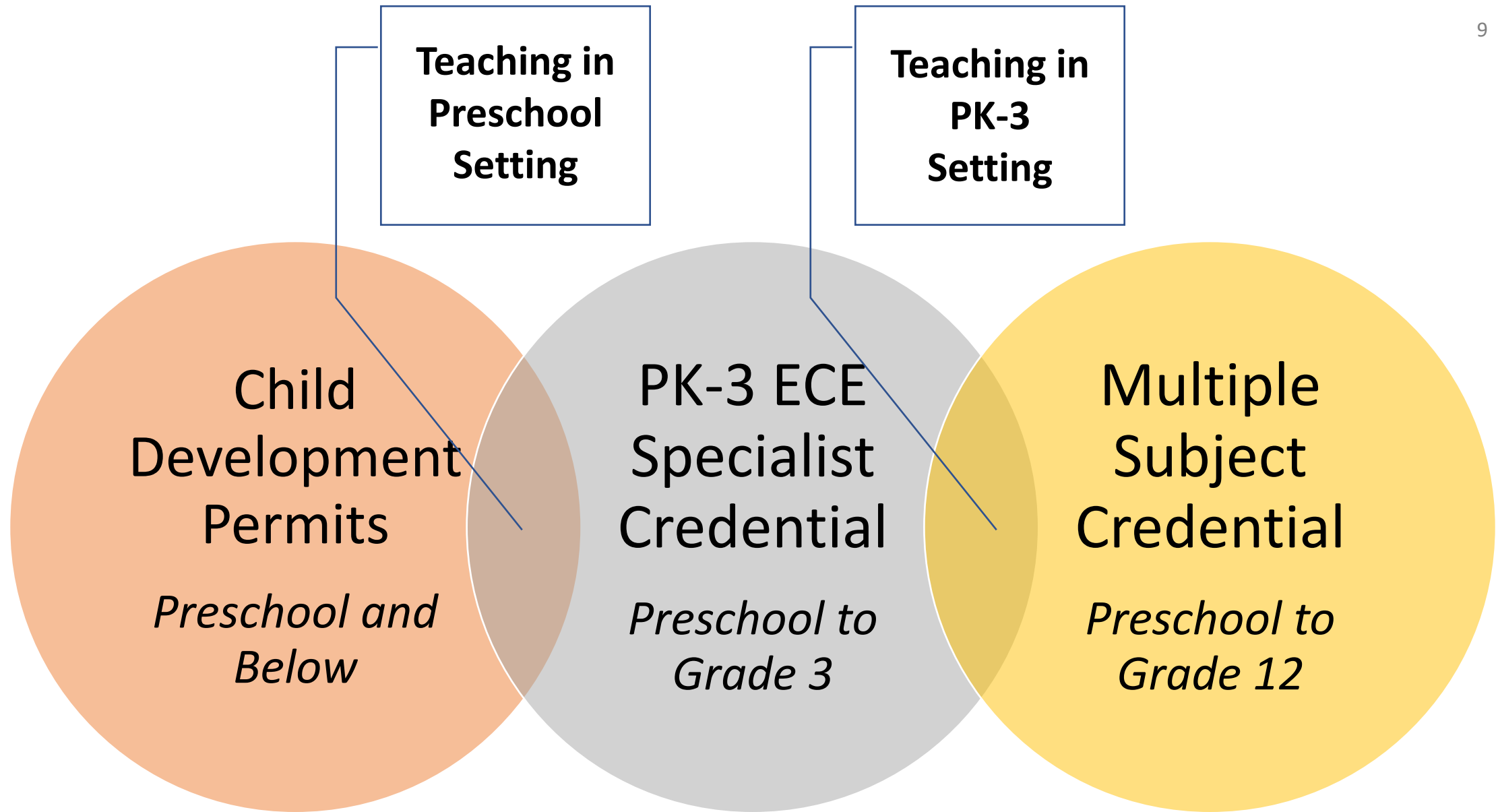
Public System UTK

PK-3 Classroom Setting

A Teacher in a public program that holds a PK-3 ECE Specialist Credential when approved, can teach PK-grade 3.

PK-12 Self-Contained Classroom

A Teacher in a public program that holds a Multiple Subject Credential can teach PK-grade 12.




Overlap of grade-spans for Child Development Permits, PK-3 ECE Specialist Credential, and Multiple Subject Credential



Who Can Teach UTK Classes?

- Multiple Subject Credential holders
- Multiple Subject Intern Credential holders
- Emergency Specialist Teaching Permit in ECE
- Other types of short-term Permits and/or Waivers
- PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential holders (2023)



Apportionment Requirement for Multiple Subject Teachers Teaching TK Classes

Reference: California
Education Code
Section 48000 (g)4)
and 48000.1 (added
2022)

This requirement
pertains to receiving
state funding
(apportionment) for
TK classes

Education Code Section 48000 (g)(4)

Education Code section 48000 (g)(4) is an **apportionment requirement** for LEAs requesting state funding for TK classes.

Education Code section 48000 (g)(4) is **NOT a credentialing requirement.**

Education Code Section 48000 (g)(4) applies to teachers first assigned to teach TK after July 1, 2015.

Teachers subject to meeting EC 48000 (g)(4) have until August 1, 2023, to meet this requirement.


By August 1, 2023, for Apportionment Purposes, Districts and Charter Schools Must Ensure that TK Teachers First Assigned to Teach TK after July 1, 2015, Have One of the Following:

- (A) At least 24 units in early childhood education, or childhood development, or both.
- (B) As determined by the local educational agency employing the teacher, professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in subparagraph (A).
- (C) A child development teacher permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Notes:

These units must be Carnegie units awarded by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, degree applicable, non-professional development, and non-remediable

This requirement is under the purview of the California Department of Education. See information available on the CDE's UTK website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>

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Coming in early 2023 - the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential

- Will authorize teachers to teach in PK-3 grades only.
- Will provide a bridge for Early Childhood Educators with a BA and Preschool experience
 - Child Development Permit Holders with a BA will be allowed to apply their preparation and experience teaching in PreK toward earning the ECE Specialist Credential
- Will provide a bridge for teaching credential holders and a pathway to meet the 24 ECE Unit requirement for EC 48000 apportionment purposes
 - Holders of an MS/SS Teaching Credential will be able to apply the coursework they have already taken as well as any experience they have in Pre-K (including TK) toward meeting the requirements of the ECE Specialist Credential
- This credential is expected to be established in law beginning in early 2023.
- Preparation programs will be developed for launch in fall 2023 (and beyond)

PK-3 ECE Specialist Credential Authorization Statement

- This credential authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in a self-contained general education classroom setting and to team teach or to regroup students across classrooms, in preschool through grade three.
- The English learner (EL) authorization provided through this credential aligns with the EL authorization that is earned upon completion of a Single, Multiple, or Education Specialist teaching credential program.
- *Eligible to add Bilingual Authorization*



Overview of Requirements for the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential

- Bachelor's Degree
- PK-3 ECE Preparation Program
 - Clinical Practice
 - Mathematics and Literacy TPEs
- Passage of Teaching Performance Assessment
 - Multiple Subject TPA in K-3, or
 - ECE TPA, once developed
- Subject Matter Requirement
 - 24 units in ECE/Child Development (CD), or
 - BA degree in ECE/CD
- Reading Competence
 - Passage of the RICA examination, or
 - Passage of a Commission approved literacy assessment, once developed

Clinical Practice Requirements

- Candidates must complete 600 hours of clinical practice split into two different settings:
 - 200 hours in Preschool (PK) or TK setting
 - 200 hours in K-3 setting
 - 200 hours in setting of choice (PK-3)
- Programs must waive at least 200 hours of PK/TK clinical practice for candidates with 6+ years of ECE Teaching Experience
 - Programs may waive up to an additional 200 hours of PK/TK clinical practice experience at their discretion

Multiple Subject Credential Pathway to PK-3 ECE Credential

- Multiple Subject Credential holders can earn the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential by verifying completion of the 24 units Subject Matter Requirement



Funding to Support Preparation of ECE Credential Candidates

[Universal Prekindergarten Teacher Pipeline Resource Compendium](#)

- [Teacher Residency Grant Program](#)
- [CA Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program](#)
- [Golden State Teacher Grant Program](#)

2022 Budget Proposes funding to expand undergraduate program pathways to a credential

Questions?

- For Child Development Permit and Credential-related questions, email credentials@ctc.ca.gov
- For general ECE related questions, email ECE@ctc.ca.gov
- See [agenda item 4B](#) from the October 2022 Commission meeting
- For questions relating to the implementation of UPK in schools and districts, see <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>